

**8th grade Social Studies**  
**United States History 2 (Reconstruction to Present)**  
**Scope and Sequence**  
**Edmund W Miles Middle School**

| Unit 1:<br>Reconstruction<br>(September)<br>(approx. 13 days)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Unit 2:<br>Industrialization<br>(October)<br>(approx. 18 days)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Unit 3:<br>Immigration, Progressive Era,<br>(November)<br>(approx. 16 days)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Q1 Exam                                                                        |
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| <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of Civil War causes</li> <li>"Cost" of the Civil War</li> <li>Results of the War</li> <li>Reconstruction Amendments</li> <li>Compromise of 1877</li> <li>Jim Crow Laws</li> <li>Sharecropping</li> <li>Restricted voting rights</li> <li>Black codes</li> <li><i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i></li> <li>Famous people</li> </ul> | <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industrialization</li> <li>"Titans of Industry v. Robber Barons" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rockefeller</li> <li>Carnegie</li> <li>Morgan</li> </ul> </li> <li>Vertical Consolidation</li> <li>Horizontal Consolidation</li> <li>Monopolies</li> <li>Factories</li> <li>Technological advancements and inventions</li> <li>Migration and Urbanization (intro)</li> <li>Working Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Labor</li> <li>Unsafe conditions</li> </ul> </li> <li>Strikes</li> <li>Rise of Labor Unions</li> <li>Key events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pullman Strike</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immigration, urbanization</li> <li>Tenement Life</li> <li>Settlement houses</li> <li>Push-pull factors</li> <li>Nativism</li> <li>Ellis Island</li> <li>Assimilation</li> <li>Immigration restrictions</li> <li>Muckrakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jacob Riis</li> <li>Lincoln Steffens</li> <li>Upton Sinclair</li> <li>Ida Tarbell</li> </ul> </li> <li>Other Key people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W.E.B. Dubois</li> <li>Eugene V. Debs</li> <li>Booker T. Washington</li> </ul> </li> <li>Womens Rights, Temperance, 19th Amendment</li> </ul> | <p><b>MIDTERM</b><br/> 10% of grade<br/> Content Covered: 1st half of year</p> |
| <p><b>Unit 4:<br/>Imperialism</b><br/>(November-December)<br/>(approx. 19 days)</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic Imperialism</li> <li>Relationship with Native Americans</li> <li>Native American assimilation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Unit 5:<br/>WWI</b><br/>(December-January)<br/>(approx. 13 days)</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Causes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long- and short-term</li> <li>Causes for US involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unrestricted submarine</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Unit 6:<br/>Roaring Twenties</b><br/>(Mid-Late January)<br/>(approx. 10 days)</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1920s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life after WWI</li> <li>Womens Rights, 19th Amendment, "New Woman"</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Boarding Schools</li> <li>◦ Dawes Act</li> <li>• Transcontinental Railroad</li> <li>• Reservations</li> </ul> <p>Foreign Imperialism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish American War</li> <li>• Yellow Journalism</li> <li>• "White Man's Burden"</li> <li>• Economic and political causes</li> <li>• Economic, political and social implications</li> <li>• U.S. Foreign Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Isolation</li> <li>◦ Open Door</li> <li>◦ Roosevelt Corollary</li> <li>◦ Big Stick Diplomacy</li> <li>◦ Dollar Diplomacy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Purchase of Alaska</li> <li>• Annexation of Hawaiian Islands</li> <li>• Role in Cuba, Philippines, Guam, Puerto Rico</li> </ul> | <p>warfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Zimmerman telegram</li> <li>• Life at Home during War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Mobilization</li> <li>◦ propaganda</li> <li>◦ Victory gardens</li> <li>◦ Uncle Sam</li> <li>◦ Espionage Act</li> <li>◦ Sedition Act</li> <li>◦ <i>Schenck v. United States</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Aftermath of War/Effects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Wilson's 14 Points</li> <li>◦ League of Nations</li> <li>◦ Isolationism</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ flapper</li> <li>• Prohibition</li> <li>• Harlem Renaissance and Jazz Era</li> <li>• Economic Prosperity and Changes</li> <li>• Development of the Middle Class</li> <li>• Leisure activities and pastimes</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| <p><b>Unit 7A:</b><br/><b>Great Depression</b><br/>(February)<br/>(approx. 9 days)</p> <p>Topics:<br/>Great Depression</p> <p>Causes:<br/>Economics of 1920s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laissez-faire</li> <li>• overproduction/underconsumption</li> <li>• Buying on credit and margin</li> <li>• Farmers' plight</li> <li>• Unequal distribution of wealth</li> <li>• Stock Market Crash of 1929</li> <li>• Bank Failure of 1930</li> </ul> <p>Life during Depression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoovervilles</li> <li>• The Dust Bowl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Causes</li> <li>◦ Migration</li> <li>◦ Okies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                           | <p><b>Unit 7B:</b><br/><b>New Deal</b><br/>(February)<br/>(approx. 7 days)</p> <p>Topics:<br/>Government Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoover v. FDR</li> </ul> <p>The New Deal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FDR- Relief, Reform, Recovery</li> <li>• Social security</li> <li>• FDIC</li> <li>• Wagner Act</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Unit 8:</b><br/><b>WWII</b><br/>(March)<br/>(approx. 24 days)</p> <p>Topics:<br/>Causes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long- and short-term Causes for US involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Long-term relationship with Japanese aggression</li> <li>◦ Alliances</li> <li>◦ Appeasement</li> <li>◦ Pearl Harbor</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Life at Home during War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Mobilization</li> <li>◦ propaganda</li> <li>◦ War bonds</li> <li>◦ Rationing</li> <li>◦ Role of women in the workforce</li> <li>◦ Role of African Americans in workforce and military</li> <li>◦ <i>Korematsu v. United States</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p><b>Q3 Exam</b></p> |

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| <p><b>Unit 9:</b><br/><b>Cold War (inc. Vietnam War)</b><br/>(April-May)<br/>(approx. 18 days)</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>Causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competing ideologies between U.S. and USSR</li> <li>• Containment</li> <li>• Soviet Blockade</li> <li>• Berlin Wall</li> </ul> <p>U.S. Foreign Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Containment</li> <li>• Truman Doctrine</li> <li>• Marshall Plan</li> <li>• Domino Theory</li> <li>• Detente</li> <li>• SALT Talks</li> </ul> <p>U.S. Domestic Policies and events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McCarthyism, Red Scare</li> <li>• Anti-War protests and counterculture</li> </ul> <p>Hot Spots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Korean War</li> <li>• Vietnam War             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Causes of war</li> <li>◦ Causes of U.S. involvement</li> <li>◦ Life during war</li> <li>◦ Anti-war movement and protests                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Kent State</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Competing Superpowers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cuban Missile Crisis</li> <li>• Berlin Bloc</li> <li>• Berlin Airlift</li> <li>• NATO/Warsaw Pack</li> <li>• Space Race</li> <li>• Arms Race</li> </ul> <p>Effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. superpower</li> </ul> | <p><b>Unit 10:</b><br/><b>Civil Rights Era</b><br/>(Early to Mid-May)<br/>(approx. 10 days)</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Segregation</li> <li>• Civil Disobedience and Nonviolent Protests</li> <li>• Groups             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ African Americans</li> <li>◦ Mexican Americans and farmworkers</li> <li>◦ Women</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Key People             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ MLK Jr.</li> <li>◦ Rosa Parks</li> <li>◦ Cesar Chavez</li> <li>◦ Betty Friedan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Brown v. Board of Ed. of Topeka</i>, <i>KA</i></li> <li>• Civil Rights Act of 1964</li> </ul> | <p><b>Unit 11:</b><br/><b>1970s-Present</b><br/>(Mid-May to June)<br/>(approx. 12 days)</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationship between the U.S. and the Middle East</li> <li>• Oil Crisis and Embargo</li> <li>• Iranian Hostage Crisis</li> <li>• Gulf War</li> <li>• Terrorism</li> <li>• 9/11</li> <li>• Post-9/11 changes in U.S.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Patriot Act</li> <li>◦ Dept. of Homeland Security</li> </ul> </li> <li>• War on Terror</li> </ul> | <p><b>FINAL EXAM</b><br/>10% of grade<br/>Content Covered: entire year</p> |